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In re Application of: )  
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Application No.: 09/248,980 ) Group Art Unit: 2711  
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Filed: February 12, 1999 )  
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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, )  
ELECTRON BEAM APPARATUS, :  
MODULATION CIRCUIT, AND )  
IMAGE-FORMING APPARATUS : December 16, 1999  
DRIVING METHOD )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1,

Line 19, change "one of outputs" to --an output--.